

PHILADELPHIA BEING CLEANED UP IN A HURRY

General Butler's Aggravation
Brings Bold on Liquor Joint
— Keadley House
Visited Later

CROOKS LEAVE CITY

Underworld, Fearing Marine Chief,
Seeks Safe Quarters—Gamblers
Set Up in Nearby Communities

Philadelphia, Jan. 8. — Spurred into action by the orders of Brigadier General Smalley D. Butler, new director of public safety, for a "clean up" of the city within 48 hours, the underworld has fled in a panic. Crooks, padlocked their doors and fled to the suburbs. The police returned to the station houses to find a smashing attack tonight against disorderly houses. Lieutenant Holton, in charge of the squad, declared that he would lead his men through the tenements district armed with axes and that if necessary the doors of the disorderly houses would be battered down.

Underworld inhabitants depart. "Every place where we found liquor," said Lieutenant Holton, "we placed padlocks on the doors." The police stated at city hall that most of the large gamblers had been driven to cover. Some of them, reported to have installed expensive equipment under the impression that they would be permitted to operate under the new administration were said to have moved to nearby towns with the hope of opening there. Lawbreaking of all sorts is under the law and many characters of the underworld were said to have left the city shortly after General Butler issued his cleanup orders.

GETS LIFE TERM AND ALSO 30 LASHES; 10 A MONTH

Toronto, Jan. 8. — Norman "Red" Ryan, bank bandit and escaped convict, who recently was captured with confederates in a street battle with Minneapolis police, today was sentenced by County Judge Costworth to imprisonment for life, with 30 lashes to be given at the rate of 10 a month for three months.

UICA BANKER RISES TO TOP IN 20-YEAR PERIOD

Uica, Jan. 8. — Francis P. McGinty, 55, completed a remarkable career in banking circles of Uica and perhaps of New York state today upon being chosen president of the City National bank, succeeding Charles W. Cashman, who resigned owing to ill health. He is the sixth president since 1904.

COLLEGE MEN MUST OBEY LAW

Syracuse, Jan. 8. — The country and the world are looking toward the college men more than to any other group to take the lead in setting standards of better citizenship. The student council, student government body at Syracuse university, announced to the students today, the council urged each individual student in the university to put himself on record as fully obeying the laws of the state.

CITY THUNDER IN SHANTY

Shanty, Jan. 8. — A man, believed to be Joseph B. Felt, of the city, was found in a shanty shanty house today with his body and arms in a shanty. Felt had been arrested in a shanty. Felt had been arrested in a shanty.

D. & H. Attacks Theory of Rail Consolidation

Washington, Jan. 8. — Widely discussed views on railroad consolidation proposals were argued before the Interstate Commerce commission today at hearings devoted to final arguments on the merger plan by representatives of railroads, communication, and insurance affected.

TWO LABOR BILLS AWAIT ACTION BY STATE LEGISLATURE

One Would Abolish Minimum Wage
Board and Other Seeks to Re-
duce Women's and Chil-
dren's Hours to 48

Albany, Jan. 8. — With legislation aiming to affect a reduction in the income tax of the state definitely blocked for the second time in the New York legislature Democratic leaders of both houses were turning attention tonight to a mass of other measures on which favorable action may help to alleviate the sting of Republican opposition to administration bills.

Several bills likely to be introduced when the legislature reconvenes tomorrow morning are based on recommendations made by Governor Smith in his annual message. Two labor measures will be presented in the senate, one sponsored by Senator Michael E. Reburn, Democrat, New York, designed to amend the labor law by establishing a minimum wage board, and the other introduced by Senator Nathan Straus, Democrat, New York, intended to reduce the working time of women and children in industry to a maximum of 48 hours a week.

CONGRESS GIVES FARMER ATTENTION

Discussions of Problems on Floor
of Senate and House and
by Committees

Washington, Jan. 8. — The farmer received a majority attention in congress today, relief measures being considered both in committee and on the floor of the senate and house, while the department of agriculture also took a hand in the legislative situation.

SHORTAGE APPARENT IN DEAD CASHIER'S FUNDS

Wellington, Pa., Jan. 8. — A hurried examination of the accounts of T. Walter Graves, who retired yesterday as treasurer of Tioga county and died today as a result of a gun shot wound, revealed an apparent shortage of several thousand dollars for which no voucher has been found.

BRADY EXECUTORS NOT TO BE OUSTED WITHOUT CITATION

Surrogate Upholds Continuation of
Council of Defense—Ex. Gov.
Miller Says Issue Is of
Sur-Charge Alone

Albany, Jan. 8. — A move by counsel for the complainants in the hearing on the 1919 and 1920 accounts of the executors and trustees of the \$15,000,000 Anthony M. Brady estate which was intended to lead to the removal of the present executors and trustees without the formality of a citation or a meeting proceeding was blocked today when Surrogate Lawyer upheld objections raised by former Governor Nathan L. Miller of counsel for the defense.

THREATENED COAL STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED QUIETLY

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 8. — The threatened strike of 25,000 employees of the Hudson Coal company may be averted at a meeting of the company officials and the grievance committee of the various collieries at the company offices here Thursday.

NEW PARLIAMENT OPENS QUIETLY

Labour Seems Certain of Being
Chosen as New Government
of England

London, Jan. 8. — The 82nd parliament of the present reign opened today in a quiet and uneventful manner, apart from some natural effervescence on the part of the Labor members, slated at the prospect of their party taking office as the government, which only a few months ago appeared to be quite a distant prospect.

JUDGE DILLON'S ADVICE LED GOULDS TO FORM RAIL SYSTEM

New York, Jan. 8. — The influence of Judge John F. Dillon, trusted friend and advisor of Jay Gould, led the financier's four children, who control his \$32,000,000 estate, to undertake to carry out his dream of a vast transcontinental rail system, according to testimony of Ed-in Gould, read at the trial of the accounting suit today.

CAR SKIDS; GIRL KILLED

Plattsburgh, Jan. 8. — Martha Klein, 19, of New York city, was instantly killed near here tonight when the automobile in which she was riding skidded and overturned. With her were army officers stationed at Plattsburgh barracks and a man and woman from this city, none of whom were seriously injured.

THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

The British embassy asked for information regarding recent seizure of British liner ships outside the three-mile limit.

McLaury Renamed Director of Dairymen's Association

Syracuse, Jan. 8. — Re-election of W. A. Shocking of the state college of agriculture, Ithaca, as president, adoption of a resolution favoring mid-winter joint meetings of farm organizations in Syracuse and addresses dealing with the economic situation of the farmer marked the closing sessions of the New York State Dairymen's association here today.

SCHOOL SEEKS RETENTION TOBACCO-USING PRINCIPAL

Silver Creek, Jan. 8. — As a protest against the recent action of the school board in asking for the resignation of W. H. Edwards, 200 pupils of the High school today left their classes and paraded the streets. The paraders carried banners inscribed "we want Edwards" and secured signatures to petitions asking for his retention.

TAX BILL CERTAIN TO PRECEDE BONUS

"We Have Got You Beat and Will
Show You Thursday,"
Says Longworth

Washington, Jan. 8. — Confidence was expressed today by Republican leaders of the house that they would be able to pass a tax reduction bill to a vote before action is had on the soldier bonus.

CONDITION OF MAN SHOT BY CRAZED DOCTOR CRITICAL

Glens Falls, Jan. 8. — Fred Norcross of Dorset, Vt., who was shot through the abdomen yesterday in Hartford by his cousin, Dr. Robert H. Lee, who also killed Mrs. Lee and ended his own life with a bullet, is in a critical condition in a hospital in this city.

SEEKS NO-DECISION MOTTS.

Albany, Jan. 8. — A bill designed to prohibit decisions in boxing matches and to provide participants in the sport with a right of appeal was introduced in the legislature today by Assemblyman Henry O. Kahn, Democrat, New York.

10 SHOTS FIRED IN DUEL IN CITY; NONE INJURED

New York, Jan. 8. — A duel in the heart of Frog Hollow, "Little Italy" of the Bronx, today attracted a crowd of 2,000 men, women and children who stood with bullets whistling about their ears until police reserves dispersed them.

WIFE OF MILLIONAIRE DOES STAGE DANCES ON STREETS

New York, Jan. 8. — Dorothy Goss, 25, former chorus girl, who separated from her millionaire husband, was committed to Bellevue hospital for observation as to her sanity today when Francis K. Dole, lawyer, testified she had followed her mother-in-law and executed him with a knife and fork.

MELLON BILL A SANDBAG, SAYS SEN. COPELAND

Secretary Using It to Block Com-
pensation by "Using Pocket-
book of Nation" as Weapon,
He Tells Senate

BOTH ARE POSSIBLE

Not "So Related," He Adds, "That
One Must Die if Other Lives"
— Wall Street Wants
Bonus in One Lump

Washington, Jan. 8. — Charging that Secretary Mellon had "attempted to sand bag the bonus, using a formidable weapon, the pocketbook of the nation," Senator Copeland, Democrat, New York, told the senate today he did not consider tax reduction and the soldiers' bonus "so related that one must die if the other live."

3 NATIONAL GUARD COMPANIES CALLED TO STOP RIOTING

Marion, Ill., Jan. 8. — Three companies of national guardmen ordered out today for duty here by Adjutant General Carlos Black at Springfield, arrived late today. The town was quiet tonight.

RAILROADS TO AD MEXICAN EMBARGO

Treasury Orders Border Officials
to Prevent Arms Ship-
ments to Rebels

Washington, Jan. 8. — Steps toward making rigidly effective the Coolidge arms embargo directed against the De la Huerta faction in Mexico went forward rapidly today. The treasury forwarded instructions to customs officers and prohibition enforcement agents to enforce vigilantly all laws and regulations under which business across the border is transacted.

SEEKS INJUNCTION

New York, Jan. 8. — Alvin Karpis, Carrington, playwright and author, today filed suit in supreme court to enjoin further production of "Helen of Troy, N. Y." which she asserted was substantially the same as "Helen of Troy, New York," a play which she asserted she wrote and submitted to a local dramatic agent.

SEEKS INJUNCTION

New York, Jan. 8. — Otto Schick of Little Ferry, N. J., filed a long letter to William H. Hays, U. S. attorney general, today, in which he asked the federal government to enjoin the production of a play which he asserted he wrote and submitted to a local dramatic agent.

Steps On It



Miss Mary Moore, New York society girl, believes in comfort. She sailed for Egypt—and took her roadster with her. She'll tour Egypt in it.

OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

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Dinner a few evenings since. Those present included Rural Carrier H. A. Blair and Mrs. Blair, Carrier Napoleon Smith and his assistant, W. Denny, Mrs. Mary Stillwell, postmaster, M. C. Allen, who affixes his signature as notary public to the quarterly reports of Mr. Skinner; L. A. Thurber, Alfred Lape, Dr. F. E. Belt, Rev. J. C. Johnson and Miss Johnson, Mrs. W. Denny, Mrs. Alfred Lape, Mr. and Mrs. James Hilsenburgh, Mrs. Allen and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. DeGraff. The residence was beautifully decorated with carnations and flags. Following the dinner the party spent the evening in music and games.

Lectures at East Worcester.

East Worcester, Jan. 8. — Rev. John W. Flynn, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Oneonta, delivered the first lecture of the course at the Methodist Episcopal church in this village this (Tuesday) evening. The subject of the lecture was "Making the Most of Life." Before the lecture there was a song service led by Jerry E. Wilson of Oneonta. A piano solo by Mrs. Wilson and a vocal solo by Mrs. Flynn were features of the evening.

The second lecture in the course will be given January 14. Rev. A. H. Burke of Binghamton will be the speaker, the theme being "The Wonder of America."

GRANGES WILL INSTALL.

All members urged to attend next Friday's meeting at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Jan. 8. — The regular meeting of the Lawrence grange will be held next Friday night, January 11. All members were urged to be present as there will be installation of officers, and an entertainment during Mother's hour. Refreshments will be served. Much talk is being given on newsmen and on other items.

Grapes From Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Webster have received a box of grapefruit and oranges from Lake Alfred, Florida.

J. B. Doyno



How's Your Blood? Do You Cough? How's Your Blood? Do You Cough?

Crowns Point, N. Y. — "While I have always found Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery a reliable remedy for lingering coughs, colds and the after-effects of LaGrippe, it is as an effective in the treatment of a very bad case of eczema of six or seven years' standing, that I consider it worthy of special mention. Under Dr. Pierce's special advice I used his 'Discovery' and although this was over four years ago, I have not had a return of this affliction, nor any symptoms of it."

"I may add that one number of my family is using Dr. Pierce's Anodyne (anti-colic) Tablets with excellent results." — J. B. Doyno.

Dr. Pierce's famous remedies can be procured from your druggist, tobacco or food store. Write Dr. Pierce, Western Medical Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for free medical advice.

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asked to bring other substitutes or doughnuts for the supper, and all members who have milk are asked to furnish a quart of milk.

The townspeople are invited to attend. Price of the supper will be 50c a plate.

M. E. L. A. S. Officers for 1924.

The following are the officers elected for the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church, for the coming year:

President, Mrs. E. J. Irish; 1st vice president, Mrs. F. J. Peck; second vice president, Mrs. M. Van-Schuyler; 3rd vice president, Mrs. F. M. Hand; 4th vice president, Mrs. C. W. Penrose; secretary, Mrs. D. C. Pasley; treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Irish.

Females.

Miss Marjorie Widger of Binghamton is spending the week at the home of her parent here. —Hollis Matteson spent a few days last week in Binghamton with his uncle and family, Arthur Whitman. —Merton Slater and Miss Peggy Hayes of Binghamton were week-end guests at the home of F. M. Hand. —Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Peck spent last week visiting in Hobart, Stamford and West Harpersfield. —Mrs. W. H. Widger left Tuesday morning for a few days' visit in Binghamton.

Church Meeting at Mt. Vision.

The annual business meeting of the First Baptist church will be held Wednesday evening, January 9, at the church. All members are requested to be present.

Delaware County News

RESTAURANT MAN BURNS ARM

Puts Out Arm to Prevent Falling Through Trap Door and Strikes Member Against Hot Cook Stove.

Delhi, Jan. 8. — John Thomson of the firm of Thomson and Hall, proprietors of the Elm Tree restaurant, is off duty at present, being incapacitated for work by a very badly burned arm. He sustained the injury while working in the restaurant. Hurrying about he made a misstep and, finding he was going down through a trap door he put out his arm to save himself and struck the hot cook stove.

John Dickman Fatally Injured.

Floyd Dickman returned last evening from Andes where he was called by the fatal accident to his father, John Dickman. The latter, with other men was getting ready to unload a car of coal and they had a platform built up about six inches from the ground on which to stand while working. Mr. Dickman fell from this platform onto the ground, thus sustaining the injury, a broken neck. He was alone at the moment of the accident but he was found shortly afterward. It was thought he breathed once or twice but he was dead before anything could be done for him. He was one of Andes most substantial and highly esteemed citizens. The funeral will be held in Andes Thursday at noon.

Road in Good Condition.

Motorists report very good roads even on dirt highways outside the village, the ruts having worn down quite smooth.

Personal Mention.

Ernest Stein, who has taken employment with H. E. Mason and sons, is moving his family this week from Peak's Brook to rooms in B. F. Pease's house on Main street. — Miss Emily Johnson, clerk in H. J. Hewitt's law office, left her home on Delaware avenue, and Frank Brady who was taking her place with Mr. Hewitt is now ill also.

APPENDIX REMOVED.

Frank Lampert Undergoes Operation at Oneonta—Other News.

Hobart, Jan. 8. — Frank Lampert underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Fox Memorial hospital in Oneonta Monday. Dr. A. W. Cutler performed the operation. Latest reports indicate that the patient's condition is good.

Hobart Personal.

Miss Harriet King of South Kortright is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King for a few days. —Among those from a distance to attend the funeral services for William Barker held from the Presbyterian church Monday, January 7, at 2 o'clock, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles More of Roxbury, George More of Cooperstown, Mrs. Will Hubbel of Kelly Corners, Mrs. Everett Hubbard and son, Everett, of Delhi. —The South Kortright Literary society purchased the piano of Mrs. Gallup and removed it Tuesday.

GRANGE TO INSTALL.

Charles Thompson of Oneonta to be installing officer.

North Franklin, Jan. 8. — The installation of the newly elected officers of the Oneonta grange will take place on Thursday evening, January 11. Chas. Thompson, master of the One-

onta grange, will act as installing officer. The installing service will be public. The Grange will serve an oyster supper at this time to which the public is invited. Supper from 7 o'clock until all are served, price, 20 cents. A cordial invitation to all.

Church Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of Aldrich Baptist church the following officers were elected: Trustees, E. J. Gates, W. L. Miller, Earl Decker; clerk, Mrs. Delos Georgia; organist, Mrs. Jack Munson; treasurer, Fred Miller; Sunday School superintendent, Clarence Judd. The church shows in its reports increased activities.

To Consult Specialist.

Mrs. G. M. Shawson leaves this morning for New York City to consult a specialist in the treatment of cancer.

LATEST VICINITY NOTES

Events of Current Interest Clipped and Condensed from Columns of Exchanges.

The law firm of Davis, Donahue & Deitz of New York city has dissolved and Mr. Deitz will take over the practice of Judge Donahue, who on January 1 became justice of the supreme court. Karl Deitz is a son of Editor W. M. Deitz of the Oneonta Journal at Gilbertville, and is another of the Otsego boys who have made good in the metropolis.

Rev. Leon C. Smith, for several years rector of Christ church at Gilbertville, left on Thursday last to assume his new duties in Troy. A very pleasant gathering of his Gilbertville parishioners was held on Wednesday and Rev. E. E. Hutchinson of Morris, in behalf of the congregation of Christ church, presented him with a purse containing a substantial sum of money as evidence of their appreciation.

There were 29 births, four marriages and 28 deaths in the town of Butternuts during the year 1923. Stanley Bagg, an aged resident of South New Berlin, died on Christmas day, after a week's illness of pneumonia. He was 85 years of age and came from his native town of Morris 25 years ago. In his earlier life he was a justice of the peace and for two terms supervisor of the town of Morris.

There are 52 civil cases on the calendar of the Schoharie county supreme court, which convened yesterday with Justice Charles E. Nichols presiding, of which two are for divorce, two for separation and a considerable number to recover for personal and property damage in motor car accidents.

Middleburgh has a College club, to which practically all vicinity graduates of colleges and universities belong. The twenty-eighth annual dinner was held on New Year's day, with about 50 in attendance.

In the town of New Berlin last year there were 31 deaths, 22 births and 16 marriages. During the year there were 22 cases of communicable diseases, of which 50 were of whooping cough.

John L. Fuller, who had been town clerk of New Berlin for 31 years, retired from office on December 31. He is succeeded by C. I. Matteson.

While Ambrose Howard of New Berlin was caring for his horse on Tuesday last, the animal kicked him in the face with great force, breaking his upper jaw bone, badly cutting the gums and tearing the flesh loose from the roof of the mouth. Several stitches were required to close the wound.

As a result of changes made by Commissioner Greene of the State Highway department, the office of third assistant highway commissioner is abolished. Among the officials affected are Charles Perry of Deposit, an engineer well known in this section, and Charles VanAmburg of Port Crane, who has been third assistant commissioner, at the head of the Bureau of Town Highways.

Falmer's grocery wishes to announce that their annual canned goods sale begins Monday morning, January 7. We are going to give you one can free with every dozen cans of fruits, vegetables, milk or any kind of canned goods in our store. If you do not want a whole dozen of one article we will accept them as you wish to have us. This will be a great service and it will pay you to get your order in early to get the best choice of goods.

Baby bonnets, 10c; were \$2.00 each. Sweater-like gloves in grey, 15c pair. The LaRosa shop.

We have candy and strained honey; also maple syrup for your candy making. Falmer's grocery.



The Joyce Stores

UNADILLA, N. Y.

Our Annual Clearance Sale

Starts Thursday, Jan. 10

To Continue 10 Days

It is necessary to close out odd pieces and some complete sets to make room for the new spring stock of goods. This Sale is a money saver to those who have been looking for big bargains. During the Sale the store will be open evenings.

Diningroom Sets

1 Fumed Oak Dining Suit; nine pieces; was \$250, now \$125
Dining Chairs in Imitation Leather; six Oak Dining Chairs; were \$25, now \$15
One set of 6 Dining Chairs that were \$15, now \$10
One 8-piece Walnut Dining Suit reduced from \$200 to \$150
One 9-piece Walnut Dining Suit; was \$175, now \$125
One 8-piece Mahogany Dining Suit reduced from \$300 to \$200

Rug Bargains

One of the greatest inducements to visit the store during this Sale is the prices on Rugs. We have 31 Room-Size Whittall Rugs. Some of these we are allowed to sell at greatly reduced prices only during this Sale. We have many odd sized Rugs in Axminster 9x15, 10.6x13.6 and 11.3x12. Tapestry Rugs 9x12 at \$22.50. Wool Fibre Rugs, 9x12, at \$15.00. 4 Domus Rugs, 9x9, reduced from \$20.00 to \$12.00. 100 patterns of 9x12 Axminster, Velvet and Tapestry Rugs to select from.

Some Exceptional Bargains

1 6-piece Gray Enamel Bedroom Suit reduced from \$200 to \$100

1 4-piece Bedroom Suit in Ivory reduced from \$200 to \$100

Odd Dressers, Dressing Tables and Chiffoniers at 25% reduction.

Library Tables, finish of top slightly damaged, at Half Price.

Mahogany Chiffonier reduced from \$75 to - \$50

Color Fast Carpet, 1 yard wide, at 40¢ yard. Blue, green and brown.

20 Beds in wood, iron and brass at Special Prices during this Sale. A great saving can be made on the purchase of these goods now.

Two Overstuffed Suites reduced from \$200 to \$150, and eight other patterns at 10% Discount.

Remnants of Painted, Burlap Back and Inlaid Floor Coverings at 1/2 Price

One Adjustable Imitation Leather Chair: was \$65, now \$25

One Tea Wagon; red mahogany; \$45.00, now \$30

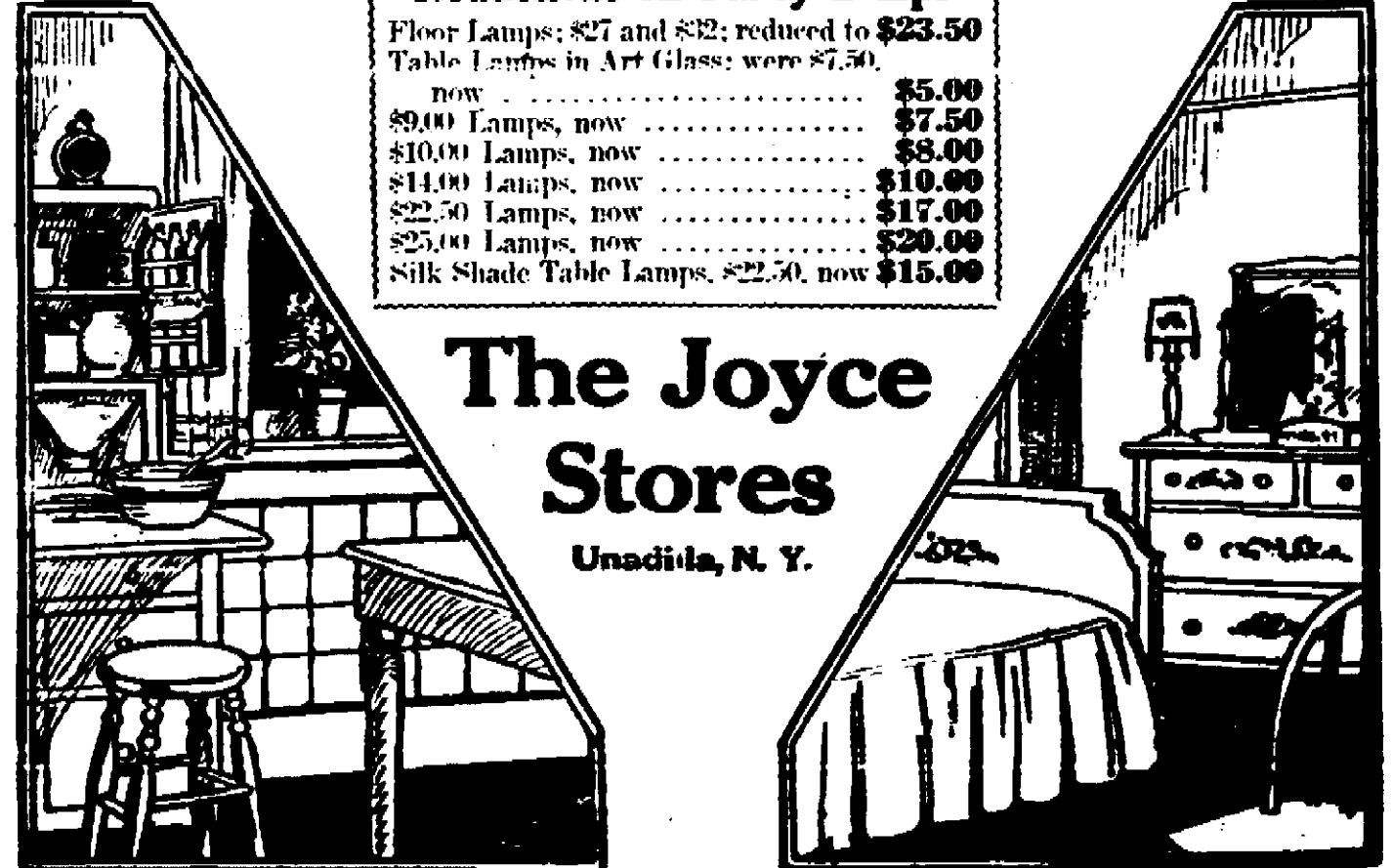
Two Invalid Wheel Chairs at less than cost.

Reductions on Fancy Lamps

Floor Lamps; \$27 and \$32; reduced to \$23.50
Table Lamps in Art Glass; were \$7.50, now \$5.00
\$9.00 Lamps, now \$7.50
\$10.00 Lamps, now \$8.00
\$11.00 Lamps, now \$10.00
\$22.00 Lamps, now \$17.00
\$25.00 Lamps, now \$20.00
Silk Shade Table Lamps, \$22.50, now \$15.00

The Joyce Stores

Unadilla, N. Y.



To Link Memorial With Cemetery



This majestic bridge will be built in Washington, D. C., it will connect the Lincoln Memorial with the Arlington National Cemetery.

STRICT ECONOMY URGED BY MAYOR BOLTON IN MESSAGE TO COUNCIL

(Continued from page five.)

eral commissions, to the end that each and every department of our city government shall work in harmony and produce results such as will be pleasing to our people.

Inventory.

The city owns a large amount of personal property in the way of implements and equipment for use in the various city departments. This property must be carefully conserved to the end that the people of our city shall receive the full benefit from the use of the same.

In the conduct of private business, an inventory is taken at least once each year. I most respectfully ask that an inventory of all the personal property of the city be taken in each department of the city as soon as possible, and not later than February 1st, 1934, and a copy of the same be filed in the office of the city clerk. This will provide a ready record for the people to refer to at any time they may desire to know what personal property the city owns. I recommend that this be done annually.

Regulations.

Simple blanks have been provided for use in making requests for the purchase of materials and supplies. I most respectfully request that each and all employees of the city make use of these blanks by filling in detail as is indicated by the blank, the supplies and materials they desire to purchase and submit the regulation to the commission having the department in charge for approval in writing. I most respectfully request that the regulations be made in duplicate and that one copy be filed in the city clerk's office and that the other copy

be filed for the use of the department for which the supplies are to be purchased. This will assist materially when the bills come in for audit and will enable the auditing committee to check up the bills and make an intelligent and accurate audit of the bills. I recommend that each commission see that this plan is strictly complied with just so far as is practicable.

Public Works.

The Department of Public Works has a great responsibility because it is in the hands of this commission that rests the care and maintenance of our public streets, bridges, sewers and sidewalks. The manner in which our streets are kept makes the impression either for good or bad, which not only our own citizens have of the affairs of our city, but also the impression of our visitors from far and near. I therefore most earnestly recommend that this department, through its supervising officers or officers, keep a most watchful eye open to the condition of our streets, avenues and sidewalks, to the end that the same shall at all times be free from dangerous obstructions, holes and imperfections which not only annoy but are a menace to the safety and well being of all. This is very important in order that our liability to answer in damages for injuries may be reduced to the minimum.

The plan of oiling the streets has proved to be very satisfactory. It preserves our dirt streets in a smooth and attractive condition. It saves time and labor in keeping the streets in condition and keeps down immense fogs of dust which is not only annoying, but is a menace to public health. I recommend that every street in our city which is not paved be treated with a liberal coat of oil and crushed stone, properly and thoroughly rolled; that this be done early in the spring time and before the streets become dusty.

A liberal allowance has been set aside in the annual budget for this department, and I therefore recommend that no petitions for oiling be called for, and that no oiling tax be levied for the present year.

We now have eight and two-tenths (8.2) miles of paved streets in our city. The matter of keeping these paved streets clean presents a problem which demands the most careful and thoughtful consideration on the part of the Board of Public Works. I recommend that a street sweeper with a sprinkler attachment be examined, and if same seems practical and economical, that such a device be purchased by this department. I am not, however, in favor of the purchase of any sweeper or other device

until its practicability and durability are thoroughly demonstrated.

I recommend that an early study and determination be made of the quantity of oil and crushed stone to be used upon the streets for the coming season; that the same be purchased at the earliest possible time practicable, to the end that the materials shall be on the ground for use just as early in the season as weather conditions will permit. I repeat this because of its great importance and no time should be wasted waiting for materials.

Water Department.

During the past year our city has come into possession of the water system and property of the Oneonta Water company. This was made possible by the provisions of the last will and testament of our late fellow townsman, George I. Wilber. This is a most valuable gift to our city and I am sure I voice the sentiment of each and every person in our city when I say it is most deeply appreciated. The value of this property and water system can hardly be realized without calling to mind briefly the items involved. I am advised that there are approximately 813 acres of land included in the watershed; that 250 acres of this land have been reforested with pine, spruce and cedar of different varieties; that the system has a water storage capacity of over 525 million gallons; a filtration plant which was built in 1904, and in 1914, or about that time, an addition to the same was constructed and new appliances have been installed; that the system has over 35 1/2 miles of mains, 420 valves, 156 hydrants and 2,826 service connections, supplying from 2 to 2 1/2 million gallons per day.

This, in brief, gives an idea of the value of the property of the water system which now belongs to our city. It is our duty and our sincere desire to carefully preserve and conserve this very valuable property.

The plan of reforesting the lands of the watershed is a very worthy and commendable plan and I recommend that the scheme of reforesting which has been followed for some years be continued.

The bonded indebtedness on account of acquiring the stock of the Oneonta Water Works company held by individuals other than Mr. Wilber is \$217,000.00. These bonds are due and will be due in the year 1932, at which time the property will be paid for. The revenues from the water system at present rates should be sufficient not only to pay the running expenses of the system and pay the bonded indebtedness and interest, but also to make necessary additions, improvements and extensions to the end that the supply of water shall at all times be adequate and the quality of the very best.

In addition, the revenues of the system, under the present rates, should be sufficient to make a handsome balance to apply on the other expenses of our city government. In other words, the water system should not only pay off its bonded indebtedness and keep itself in proper and adequate condition, but it should also furnish a revenue to help in the reduction of taxes.

Police Department.

I recommend that a careful study be made of more efficiently informing the public as to traffic regulations by means of signs, giving clearly the information the people desire while using the streets. The great majority of violations of traffic rules are due to the fact that people do not know what their rights are. They do not know where they can park their cars and they do not know how long they can park them in a given place or zone. Signs should be provided not only upon the curbs, but should also be painted upon the streets giving

special directions to the end that all can tell what their rights and obligations are.

The main thoroughfares leading into our city should be provided with large signs warning people of the many cross streets and intersections and to proceed with great care on account of the great number of collisions at street intersections. These signs should be gotten up with great care and so phrased that not only a warning is given, but also a kindly word of welcome is extended to the thousands who pass through our city each season. These signs should call attention to the fact that traffic officers are not at street intersections and for that reason special care must be exercised. Signs should be provided guiding people who are passing through our city so that they can know which way to turn to reach a given point, such as Sidney, Binghamton, Stamford, Kingston, Cooperstown, Albany, etc. In a word, I recommend that our streets be liberally placarded with signs to furnish the general public with information they need to guide them.

Parks.

We are proud of our public parks. We have been very fortunate in that our city has been the recipient of valuable pieces of real estate, donated by public spirited men and friends of our city. Huntington park is being kept up in the very center of our city as a beauty spot by the generosity of Mr. Huntington, the donor of the park. Three thousand dollars is provided annually from the estate of the late George I. Wilber to assist in keeping up and developing Wilber park, so that our burden of expense in maintaining and developing our public parks is very materially lessened from what it would be, did the city have to pay the full bill for keeping up and maintaining our parks.

Finance.

It is wise to take account of our present bonded indebtedness in order that we may be able to know better how to guide our expenditures and keep our tax rate within reasonable bounds. Our present bonded indebtedness, exclusive of the water bonds, is \$498,650. The expense of paying Church Center, Carbone, Main and Chestnut Street extensions, together with sewer bonds, will add approximately \$165,000.00 to our bonded indebtedness, which will make our total bonded indebtedness approximately \$663,650.00. The annual interest charge on account of these bonds will be approximately \$14,600.00, which, of course, will be reduced each year as the principal is paid off. The amount that will be required to pay off the bonds, exclusive of water bonds, as they will come due from year to year is \$43,300.00. It will take, generally speaking, nine or ten years to pay off the present bonded indebtedness. With this bonded indebtedness facing us, it is highly important that we all work together in harmony with a persistent endeavor to get the greatest amount possible out of each dollar expended. Strict economy is the watchword, not so strict, of course, that we rob ourselves of those things which are necessary for the public good, not that we should take a step backward.

But in view of the present indebtedness, we must work to preserve and conserve what we now have and go slow for a few years at least with elaborate and extensive permanent improvements. The "pay-as-you-go" plan had better be considered for a time.

It is a matter of public interest that there are still unpaid on bonds issued under the old village government \$75,999.69. Our total bonded indebtedness as above stated includes these unpaid village bonds.

We are one large family, as it were, working together for the good of our community. This is our common purpose. Many are giving of their time for absolutely no compensation at all. They are doing it for the good of the people of the city. We appreciate their good will and their good offices. It is intended that each shall do his part, one set of officers serving for a time and then others take their places and so on, citizens of the city giving a little of their time for the general good. This plan is for economy and to save our city a large expenditure of money for the purpose of carrying on the city government.

I invite your good will and your hearty cooperation, assuring you all that it is for the good of all the people that I desire you to serve and that the taxpayers' money shall be used with that degree of care that a careful, prudent, business man exercises in the conduct of his own business.

Finally I desire to express my appreciation of the hearty good will and cooperation which is manifest on the part of the members of this Common Council who are to serve our city during the coming two years. I also desire to express my appreciation for the same spirit which is manifest by the other officers both elective and appointive, who will serve the city in the various departments of our city government.

Exceedence of this spirit have come to me from a large number of the citizens of our town. It is my hope and my earnest prayer that we may each and every one prove ourselves worthy of the confidence the people have reposed in us by selecting us to take the responsibility of the affairs of the city government. We have the best interests of our community affairs very deeply upon our hearts and we shall put our best endeavor into the work.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

Organ and Bridge Assignments Given Desirable Designations.

Speaker Macchold is announcing his committee appointments for the session of 1934 on Monday evening gave desirable assignments to the assemblymen from Otsego and Delaware counties and positions that were conferred to them.

Dr. J. C. Smith of Otsego, because of his longer term of service, is named as one up to the chairman of each of the following committees: Internal affairs, affairs of villages, public health.

Dr. R. H. Loomis of Sidney is named on three cover three also: agriculture, military affairs and public health.

Assemblyman Fiske of Schoharie is assigned to labor and industries and printed and engraved bills.

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IN CHILDREN'S COURT

Judge U. G. Welch Consider Cases of Two Children in City and Four From Otsego.

At a term of Children's court held in this city yesterday Judge U. G. Welch of Edinboro heard the cases of six children, two from this city and four from other places in the county. Today a session will be held at Cooperstown and there are several matters to come before him there.

Of the two city cases before Judge Welch, one was of a boy brought into his court last fall on a charge of juvenile delinquency after the lad had caused damage of \$12. At that time it was agreed that restitution should be made but nothing had been done in this connection and the boy and his father were summoned back for an explanation. A part of the \$12 was paid yesterday and the balance is to be made up within the next month.

The other city case was of a girl who was placed under probation in charge of her father at a term of court held last fall on a charge of juvenile delinquency. She and her father were called back and it was decided to continue her probation under her grandfather in the hope that better results might be obtained. A boy of 15 years from outside of the city was brought before Judge Welch after he had confessed to the forgery of a check. He was paroled in the custody of Miss Essie Trout, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and is to live with his grandfather.

Another case was that of a child of four years, whose father and mother are separated and who has been living with her father, who was charged with neglect. The father and mother of the child appeared with attorneys and Judge Welch decided to continue the case to determine whether better conditions could not be provided, by the father.

A boy of 14 years was brought before the court on a charge of petty larceny and he was placed under probation to Miss Trout, who paroled him in the custody of his father.

The last case was that of a lad just past his sixteenth birthday, who was brought into court at the November term on a charge of juvenile delinquency at which time the case was continued. Yesterday he was placed under probation in the custody of Miss Trout.

Haines Home Bureau Meeting.

The Haines Home Bureau will meet at the school building at the Junction, Thursday, January 10, at 1 p. m. Miss Houserman, the county agent, will be present and will discuss plans for some very interesting work for the year for the bureau members. She particularly desires that every member be present so that definite plans can be worked out for the specific needs of the county. Those who desire dress forms made are requested to bring their materials that the work may be completed.

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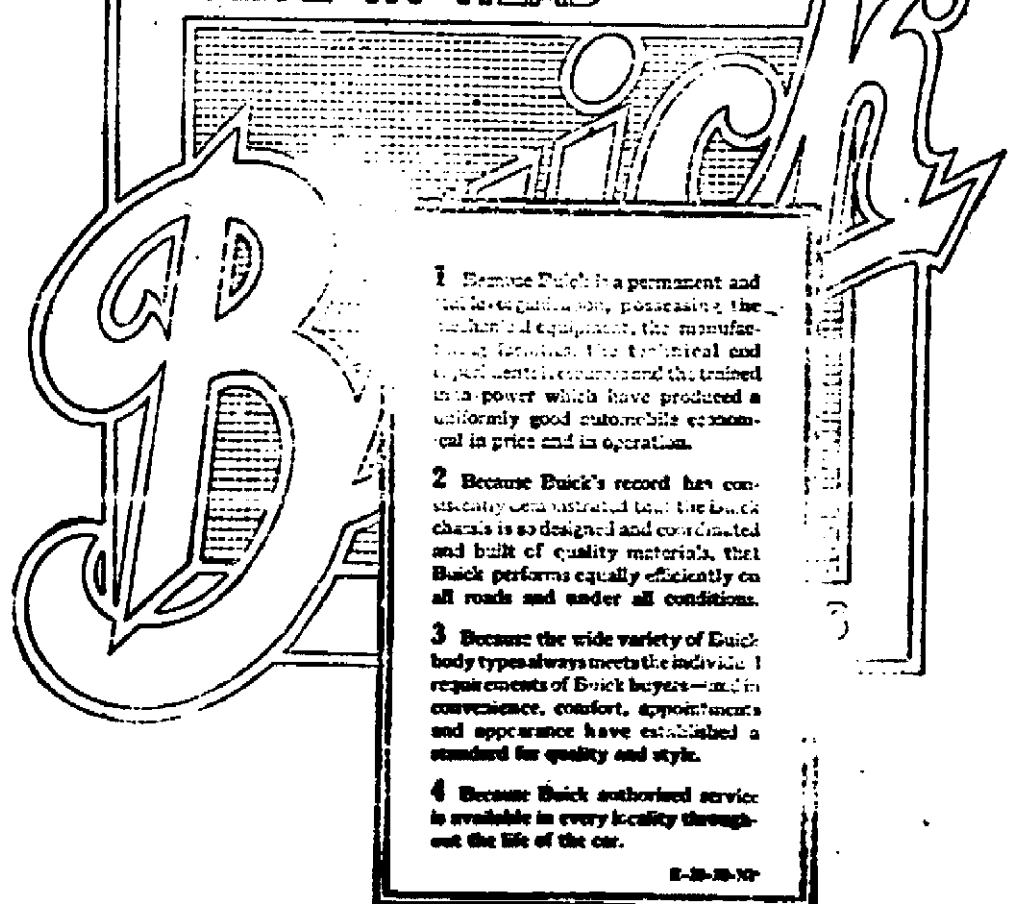
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